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SUBJ: BHUTTO AND WALI KHAN DEBATE IN ASSEMBLY

SUMMARY: PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO AND NATIONAL AWAMI PARTY (NAP)

LEADER WALI KHAN TRADED CHARGES IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

BUDGET SESSION DEBATE. WALI ACCUSED BHUTTO REGIME OF

FOUR ATTEMPTS TO ASSASSINATE HIM, INCITING LANDLORD-TENANT

CIVIL WAR, STIFLING DEMOCRACY, GAGGING PRESS, AND CREATING

STATE OF CIVIL CONFRONTATION. BHUTTO RESPONDED WITH POINT

BY POINT REFUTATION OF WALI'S CHARGES, REVIEWING HISTORY OF

HIS GOVERNMENT'S RELATIONS WITH NAP TO DEMONSTRATE ITS

TOLERANCE. HE NOTED IN PASSING THAT IRAQIS HAD APOLOGIZED

FOR 1973 ARMS SMUGGLING BY IRAQI EMBASSY. MAJOR NEW POINT

WAS BHUTTO CHARGE THAT AJMAL KHATTACK, FORMER NAP LEADER

NOW RESIDING IN KABUL, HAD ATTEMPTED TO HAVE HIM ASSINATED

DURING LAHORE ISLAMIC SUMMIT. END SUMMARY.

1. CLIMAX OF SORTS TO CURRENT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET

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SESSION CAME DURING AFTERNOON AND EVENING JUNE 19, WHEN

WALI KHAN MADE HIS FIRST SPEECH SINCE RETURNING FROM ABROAD AND BHUTTO RESPONDED AT LENGTH.

2. WALI ANNOUNCED AT OUTSET OF HIS SPEECH THAT HE INTENDED TO DISCUSS CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION RATHER THAN BUDGET. HE THEN PROCEEDED THROUGH DETAILED SURVEY OF PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION AS SEEN BY ANP. EXPRESSING DEEP CONCERN OVER LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN COUNTRY, HE COMPLAINED THAT GOVERNMENT WAS BLOCKING ALL AVENUES OF CONTACT BETWEEN OPPOSITION AND POPULACE, FORCING LATTER TO CONSIDER RESORT TO UNCONSTITUTIONAL METHODS. GOP, HE ASSERTED, WAS INCITING PEASANTS TO TAKE UP GUNS AGAINST LANDLORDS AND IN SOME AREAS (SWAT AND DIR) WAS ACTUALLY ARMING THEM.

3. ON BALUCHISTAN, WALI REITERATED HIS COMPLAINT (PESHAWAR 113 NOTAL) THAT PPP GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN FORCED ON PROVINCES DESPITE FACT NOT ONE PARTY MEMBER HAD BEEN ELECTED TO PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY. HE DEPLORED BROTHER PAKISTANI MUSLIMS KILL-

ING EACH OTHER. NOTING THAT BHUTTO HAD CLAIMED HIS GOVERNMENT WAS ATTEMPTING TO OVERTURN FEUDAL SARDARI SYSTEM, HE OBSERVED THAT NON-SARDAR BIZENJO HAD BEEN FIRED BY GOP AND REPLACED SUCCESSIVELY BY SARDAR BUGTI AND THEN BY KHAN OF KALAT, GREATEST OF ALL SARDARS.

4. REFERRING TO RECENT BHUTTO STATEMENT SUGGESTING LINK BETWEEN INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST, PRESENCE WALI KHAN IN KABUL, AND DAOUD VISIT TO MOSCOW, WALI COMPLAINED THAT WHENEVER THERE WAS TROUBLE IN COUNTRY GOVERNMENT TURNED TO MALIGNING OPPOSING AND ACCUSING IT OF BEING ENEMY AGENT. HE ASSERTED THAT RELATIONS WITH "NEIGHBOR- (OBVIOUSLY IRAN), WHICH HAD ONCE BEEN GOOD, WERE NOW DETERIORATING AND HE WONDERED HOW GOVERNMENT COULD EXPLAIN THIS.

5. IN ONE DRAMATIC PASSAGE, WALI ACCUSED GOVERNMENT OF FOUR SEPARATE ATTEMPTS TO ASSASSINATE HIM SINCE 1972. CHARGING THAT PAKISTAN HAD LOST CREDIBILITY IN OUTSIDE WORLD AND WAS SUFFERING FROM TYRANNICAL DOMESTIC POLICY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE DECLARED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE COWED BY SUCH TACTICS AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DEFEND RIGHTS OF PAK PEOPLE.

6. RESPONDING, BHUTTO WENT THROUGH POINT BY POINT REFUTATION OF WALI'S CHARGES. ON ALLEGED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS, HE DESCRIBED THE FOUR INCIDENTS AS RESULT OF WALI'S OWN RASHNESS IN DELIBERATELY EXPOSING HIMSELF TO LOCAL SITUATIONS IN FRONTIER WHERE SHOOTING WAS EITHER

IN PROGRESS OR COULD BE ANTICIPATED. GOP HAD NO PART
IN ANY OF THEM.

7. BHUTTO THEN WENT ON TO CHARGE THAT AJMAL KHATTACK,
FORMER NAP SEC GEN WHO FLED COUNTRY IN 1973 AND NOW RESIDES
IN KABUL, HAD SENT A PROFESSIONAL ASSASSIN FROM JALALABAD
TO ASSASSINATE PRIME MINISTER DURING LAHORE ISLAMIC SUMMIT.
KHATTACK AND "SOME OTHER PERSONS" HAD PAID THIS
ASSASSIN HEAVILY TO CARRY OUT THE TASK. FORTUNATELY,
HOWEVER, PAK INTELLIGENCE HAD DISCOVERED PLOT AND HAD
TAKEN NECESSARY STEPS.

8. DEFENDING HIS GOVERNMENT'S RECORD IN ITS DEALINGS
WITH NAP, BHUTTO REVIEWED HISTORY OF GOP-KNAP RELATIONS SINCE
EARLY 1972. HIS CONCLUSIONS WERE ALONG FAMILIAR LINES
I.E., THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD GONE OUT OF ITS WAY TO
COOPERATE WITH NAP, LIFTING BAN IMPOSED ON PARTY IMPOSED
BY PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT, PERMITTING PARTY TO FORM GOVERN-
MENTS IN TWO PROVINCES, AND EVEN OFFERING THEM CENTRAL
MINISTRIES. NAP HAD MISINTERPRETED THESE MOVES AS
WEAKNESS, HE COMPLAINED, AND HAD PROCEEDED TO PRESS FOR
EVEN GREATER DEMANDS. IT WAS NAP RATHER THAN GOVERNMENT
WHICH HAD RENEGED ON AGREEMENTS REACHED AND HAD LAUNCHED
POLICY OF CONFRONTATION. AS TO NAP COMPLAINTS ABOUT
DISMISSAL OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS, "IN MOTHER INDIA
EVERY THIRD DAY OF STATE GOVERNMENT IS DISMISSED BUT THEN
THAT IS MOTHER INDIA AND NOT A DICTATORIAL GOVERNMENT AS
IN PAKISTAN."

9. WITH REGARD 1973 IRAQI EMBASSY ARMS SMUGGLING, PRIME
DECLARED THAT WALI'S ASSERTION IT WAS MANUFACTURED INCIDENT
WAS FALSE. GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ HAD IN FACT SENT ITS EDU-
CATION MINISTER TO PAKISTAN TO EXPRESS AMENDS AND SUGGEST
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THAT BYGONES BE BYGONES IN SPIRIT OF MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD,
TO WHICH GOP HAD AGREED. AS TO WALI'S COMPLAINT ABOUT
DETERIORATING RELATIONS WITH "NEIGHBOR- (IRAN), BHUTTO
CHARGED THAT WALI HIMSELF, IN HIS PUBLIC UTTERANCES,
HAD MADE EVERY EFFORT TO DAMAGE THOSE RELATIONS.

10. NEAR END OF BHUTTO'S SPEECH, HE MADE OBLIQUE
PERSONAL REFERENCE TO WALI AS "PASSIVE PARTNER" IN
NEGOTIATIONS, USING TERM WHICH HAS HOMOSEXUAL CONNOTATION.
AFTER BRIEF SHARP EXCHANGE, WALI STALKED OUT OF THE HALL
BUT WAS PERSUADED BY OTHER OPPOSITION MEMBERS TO RETURN
AFTER BRIEF ABSENCE. BHUTTO APOLOGIZED IF HIS REMARK
HAD OFFENDED WALI AND INCIDENT (WHICH WAS IGNORED BY
PRESS) WAS PATCHED OVER, PRIME CONCLUDED HIS SPEECH BY
DECLARING THAT, DESPITE NAP PROVOCATIONS AND TRANSGRESSIONS,

GOP WAS STILL WILLING TO TALK AND NEGOTIATE WITH NAP AT ANY TIME.

11. COMMENT: MOST OF CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES BY BHUTTO AND WALI HAVE BEEN MADE BEFORE. ONLY REALLY NEW ITEM WAS BHUTTO'S SURPRISING CHARGE THAT AJMAL KHATTACK HAD SENT AN ASSASSIN AGAINST HIM. ACCORDING TO OBSERVORS, WALI WAS IN GOOD FORM AND SHOWED NO ILL EFFECTS FROM HIS PROLONGED SOJOURN ABROAD FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT. BHUTTO'S SPEECH WAS LARGELY A DEFENSE AGAINST WALI'S CHARGES. MOST OF THOSE PRESENT AGREE IT WAS AN EFFECTIVE ONE.
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